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- 3302 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS GRANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- With regard to Community Building Partnerships Grants:
- (1) In 2011 were 100% of funds available fully committed in every electorate?
 - (2) Were any funds returned or unclaimed in the 2009 and/or 2010 versions of the scheme?
 - (3) What happens to returned or unused funds?
 - (4) In 2013, will the electorate of Cessnock be eligible for the additional \$100,000 funding as per the criteria?
- 3303 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
- (1) What was the level of funding to the Parramasala Festival in 2011?
 - (2) What was the level of funding to the Parramasala Festival in 2012?
- 3304 RAILWAY STREET UPGRADE—Mr Richard Amery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) What plans are being made to upgrade Railway Street, Mount Druitt to improve access to the Mount Druitt Hospital?
 - (2) How many accidents have been recorded at this site over the past three years?
- 3305 BELMORE RAILCORP FREIGHT LINE—Mr Robert Furolo to ask the Minister for Transport—
- With regard to RailCorp's freight rail line in Belmore adjacent to Paxton Avenue:
- (1) What specific action has Transport for NSW and/or RailCorp taken to mitigate noise impacts to the residents in this particular area?
 - (2) What track work, including rail profile grinding and removal of track surface irregularities, has occurred on the freight rail line in this particular area?
 - (3) Is noise monitoring of the freight rail line adjacent to Paxton Avenue continuing?
 - (a) If yes, what are the results?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (4) What actions have been taken by RailCorp to liaise with private sector rail freight operators who have been identified as producing abnormal levels of noise?
- 3306 CITY RAIL SECURITY SERVICES—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Where City Rail outsources a range of security services at many railway stations on the City Rail network:
- (1) Can the Minister give an assurance that all guards being utilised for security duties at railway stations are:
 - (a) properly employed in the form of either an award or employment contract, and
 - (b) provision is made by the engaged contractor for payment of taxation, superannuation and other entitlements?
 - (2) What mechanism has City Rail in place to ensure that the above standards apply to all those employed to do security work?
- 3307 COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS AND BOUNDARY CHANGES—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) What discussions in relation to forced council amalgamation proposals has the Minister had with:
 - (a) the Division of Local Government;
 - (b) the Independent Local Government Review Panel;
 - (c) individual Mayors and Councillors?
 - (2) Has the Minister indicated his support for forced council amalgamations to any of those organisations or individuals?
 - (3) Is the Division of Local Government or the Independent Review Panel currently examining proposed boundaries changes for metropolitan councils?

- 3308 TRAIN VANDALISM—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
Given claims by the Rail, Bus and Tram Union that train vandalism has escalated since the Government cut transit officer roles:
- (1) Why did the Government cut the graffiti taskforce set up under the previous Government?
 - (2) Will the Government reintroduce the graffiti taskforce, in order to combat increasing vandalism on trains?
- 3309 PARRAMASALA FESTIVAL 2013 FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
What will be the level of funding to the Parramasala Festival in 2013?
- 3310 GREEN SLIP COSTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations representing the Minister for Finance and Services, and Minister for the Illawarra—
- (1) Given that the average cost of green slips has risen by \$50 this February, will the Minister reverse this rise?
 - (2) If not, why not?
- 3311 STOCKTON CENTRE NURSING VACANCIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Ageing, and Minister for Disability Services—
What immediate steps is the Minister taking to reduce the 40% vacancy rate of nurses at the Stockton Centre?
- 3312 SCHOOL SUN PROTECTION GUIDELINES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Will revised sun protection guidelines for primary schools be implemented in 2013?
 - (2) (a) What will be the process for consulting with principals and school stakeholders?
(b) When will this process conclude?
 - (3) Will Cancer Council NSW be consulted prior to finalizing the new guidelines?
- 3313 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
Can the Minister outline Hunter Infrastructure Funds plans for 2013, including funding costs, for the Wallsend electorate?
- 3314 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—
- (1) How many of the extra 39 mobile speed cameras will be located in the Hunter?
 - (2) Where and when will they be located?
- 3315 NEWCASTLE URBAN RENEWAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW, Leader of the House—
- (1) Given that the Government's strategy for the Newcastle Urban Renewal includes developing businesses, what plans are in place by the Minister to engage in increasing the population in Newcastle to support those businesses?
 - (2) (a) Will the Government deploy government departments from Sydney to be established in the Hunter?
(b) If not, why not?
- 3316 NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY FUNDING—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, and Minister for the Arts—
What is the Minister doing to fulfil the Liberal pledge, given during the 2011 election campaign, to fund their one third share, \$7 million, for the refurbishment of the Newcastle Art Gallery?
- 3317 NEWCASTLE BUS REVIEW—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport—
Given shifting demographics, and varied commuter travel needs since the previous review:
- (1) Will the Minister be conducting a comprehensive bus review of Newcastle buses in 2013?
 - (2) If not, why not?

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- 3318 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EYE CLINIC—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What discussions has the Minister had with the local health district to ascertain what the ophthalmologists want in the way of resources?
 - (2) What action has been taken to address the needs of the ophthalmologists in order to re-open the John Hunter Hospital eye clinic?
- 3319 NEWCASTLE STATION RAIL SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Given that research (Professor Peter Newman, Jacky Fristacky and Professor Graham Currie) supports maintaining rail lines into the heart of cities, why is the chairman of Infrastructure NSW urging the removal of rail services to Newcastle Station?
- 3320 ELECTRICITY GENERATOR DEBT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) How much debt is associated with the state's electricity generators?
 - (2) How much money is the Government expecting to raise once the debt, transaction and legal costs have been settled?
- 3321 FINIAN EGAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Fair Trading—
- What is the Minister's relationship with Finian Egan?
- 3322 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY VISITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—
- What Aboriginal communities did the Minister visit in the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012?
- 3323 REVESBY TO BEVERLY HILLS RAIL LINE QUADRUPLICATION WORK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) When was the Revesby to Beverly Hills rail line quadruplication work completed?
 - (2) Why are there no trains operating on these lines?
 - (3) When will trains commence using these new lines?
- 3324 REPORT NO. 135—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) When will the Minister respond to Report No. 135 of the Law Reform Commission "People with cognitive and mental health impairments in the criminal justice system"?
 - (2) What will the Minister's response be to recommendations 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.1, 8.6, 13.2, and 14.3 in that report?
- 3325 COUNCIL GENERAL MANAGERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) Does the Local Government Act allow the General Manager of a Council to style him or herself Chief Executive Officer rather than General Manager?
 - (2) Does the Minister propose amendments to the Local Government Act on this issue?
- 3326 PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING OF ELECTED COUNCILLORS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) Does the Minister support the General Managers of councils carrying out psychological testing of elected Councillors?
 - (2) Is the psychological testing referred to above permitted or required under the Local Government Act?
 - (3) Can public money legitimately be used for such purposes?
- 3327 JUNE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—
- (1) Are instances of uses of force at June Correctional Centre by guards against inmates reviewed?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what mechanism is used?
 - (2) How are such incidents investigated?
 - (3) What is the role, if any, of the Corrective Services Professional Standards Committee in investigating

or reviewing incidents of use of force at Junee Correctional Centre?

3328 NETCAT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Justice—

- (1) When did the process of converting all business centre websites to the new website content management system Netcat commence?
- (2) What is the cost of this conversion and of Netcat?

3329 ROUNDABOUT AT SMITHFIELD ROAD AND POLDING STREET—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why, after two years, no work has commenced to upgrade the roundabout at Smithfield Road and Polding Street?
- (2) When will this project commence?
- (3) What is the estimated timeline for completion?
- (4) What specific work has the Roads and Maritime Services undertaken on this project?

3330 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why Bulli Hospital was not included in the recently released Illawarra Action Plan?
- (2) When will the Minister be allocating funds to upgrade facilities as part of the Government's commitment to make Bulli Hospital a centre for aged care excellence?
- (3) When will the Minister be allocating funds to upgrade facilities as part of the Government's commitment to establish Bulli Hospital as an urgent care centre?

3331 ROAD NUMBERING SYSTEM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) What specific issues were raised by Emergency Service personnel in relation to the roll out of the new road numbering system?
- (2) What have the Minister and the Roads and Maritime Services done to address these concerns?
- (3) When will this project be completed?
- (4) (a) Has the budget for this project changed at all?
(b) If so, by how much and what is the expected final cost?

3332 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

Given the Minister's previous commitment to focus the rollout of new mobile speed cameras in 100 kilometre per hour zones:

- (1) What percentage of the approximate 2500 locations will be in these high speed areas?
- (2) When will the Minister be finalising whether or not speed cameras will remain in place on the five locations that the Roads and Maritime Service have conducted field reviews on?

3333 LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEACHERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the 60 promised literacy and numeracy teachers for the Illawarra are currently in schools?
- (2) What schools have been allocated these specialised teachers?
- (3) When will the remaining teachers be in schools?
- (4) What schools have been nominated to receive these teachers?
- (5) Why has this commitment taken so long to implement?

3334 IMPROVEMENTS TO AND NAMING OF FLINDERS STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Further to the article published in the Illawarra Mercury on 19 December 2012:
 - (a) Who are the key stakeholders who identified improvements to the initial design for the construction of Flinders Station; and
 - (b) What were the improvements identified?
- (2) What is the process for determining the names of railway stations?
- (3) Who has the Minister received representations from about the proposed re-naming of the Flinders Station and what was the nature of the representations?

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3335 PORT OF PORT KEMBLA LEASE PROCEEDS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) On what date was the decision made to task Infrastructure NSW with responsibility to determine how the \$100 million proceeds from the lease of the port of Port Kembla will be used?
- (2) Was the decision made by the Treasurer or by the Cabinet?
- (3) How will Infrastructure NSW make decisions on which infrastructure projects will receive funding from the \$100 million proceeds from the lease of the port of Port Kembla?
- (4) How many and what are the names of organisations which have made submissions on infrastructure projects which should be considered for funding to:
 - (a) the Treasurer
 - (b) the Minister for the Illawarra; and
 - (c) Infrastructure NSW?
- (5) How many and what are the names of individuals who have made submissions on infrastructure projects which should be considered for funding :
 - (a) the Treasurer
 - (b) the Minister for the Illawarra; and
 - (c) Infrastructure NSW?
- (6) On what date will the Government announce the list of successful infrastructure projects for funding?

3336 PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Roads and Ports—

- (1) Has the Government made a submission to the Commonwealth to fund upgrades on the Princes Highway between Yallah and the Oak Flats Interchange?
 - (a) If so, on what date was the submission made?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) (a) Will the Minister publically release the Government submission to the Commonwealth?
 - (b) If not, why not?